



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1029**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-98a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 The director of each technical education and career school shall  
4 meet with members of the business community, representatives of  
5 electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities and representatives from  
6 state colleges and universities offering courses in public utility  
7 management within the geographic area served by the technical  
8 education and career school to develop a plan to assess workforce  
9 needs of the community and such utilities and implement curriculum  
10 modifications to address those needs.

11 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs  
12 shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic and  
13 Community Development, develop a plan to identify veterans with  
14 manufacturing skills and assist such veterans in gaining employment  
15 in the manufacturing industry. Not later than February 1, 2020, the  
16 commissioner shall submit such plan to the joint standing committees  
17 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
18 commerce and veterans affairs, in accordance with the provisions of  
19 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

20      Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and  
 21      Community Development shall, in consultation with Workforce  
 22      Investment Boards, develop a plan to establish a pilot program, within  
 23      available appropriations, that provides free computer coding training  
 24      to veterans, low-income individuals, long-term unemployed  
 25      individuals, dislocated workers or correctional institution inmates.  
 26      Such plan may include the use of (1) federal or private funds, (2) free  
 27      computer coding curricula developed by information technology  
 28      organizations such as Code.org, and (3) public-private partnerships  
 29      such as the one used in the Code Louisville program in Louisville,  
 30      Kentucky. Not later than February 1, 2020, the commissioner shall  
 31      submit such plan to the joint standing committee of the General  
 32      Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in  
 33      accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	10-98a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*